IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

THURSDAY, THE 22ND FEBRUARY 2007 / 3RD PHALGUNA 1928

WP(C).No. 608 of 2007(V)

PETITIONER:

MUTHOOT HOTEL PVT LTD.,
(A & N HOTEL ENTERPRISES (P) LTD),
REPRESENTED BY ITS SENIOR MANAGER,
MUTHOOT CENTRE, PUNNEN ROAD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY ADV. SRI.M.R.ANANDAKUTTAN
SMT.M.HEMALATHA

RESPONDENTS:

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1. STATE OF KERALA REPRESENTED BY THE
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. DY.SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
CRIME BRANCH, MUTTADA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. GIKKU JACOB

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 22/02/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

R.BASANT, J

W.P(C).No.608 of 2007

Dated this the 22nd day of February, 2007

JUDGMENT

The short grievance of the petitioner is that no effective investigation is being conducted into Crime No.14 of 2005 of Thiruvallam police station by the police. The petitioner submits that the petitioner has already submitted Ext.P2 petition before the Director General of Police, to direct the Investigating Officer to conduct a fair, efficient and expeditious investigation. No action has been taken by the Director General of Police on that petition. The Director General of Police may be directed to take necessary action on Ext.P2 petition, it is submitted.

2. The respondents have entered appearance through the learned Public Prosecutor. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, C.B.C.I.D, Special Investigator Gr.I, who is conducting the investigation has now filed a detailed statement explaining to this Court the steps that have been taken in the investigation. The alleged incident had taken place as early as on 26.01.2005. Investigation is not complete yet. The present Investigating Officer has taken over the investigation only recently. In these circumstances, it is prayed that the Investigating Officer may be given some further time to complete the investigation.

3. I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Public Prosecutor. I have perused the averments in the petition as also in the counter statement. I am satisfied, in the facts and circumstances of this case, that there can be a direction to the Investigating Officer, ie. the 2nd respondent herein to complete the investigation as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within a period of four months from this date.

4. This Writ Petition is, accordingly allowed in part - to the above extent.

(R.BASANT, JUDGE)

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